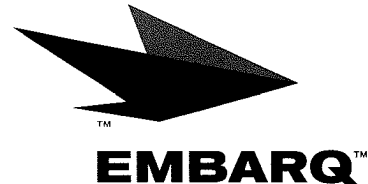


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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers
WC-Docket No. 05-25
Access to Confidential Material

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 3, 2007 and August 7, 2007 and pursuant to the Protective Order¹ adopted in the above-referenced proceeding, Embarq previously submitted Acknowledgements of Confidentiality (Appendix B to the Protective Order) signed by Craig T. Smith, Senior Counsel; Katie Fortier, Legal Analyst II; Kathryn M. Mehrer, Legal Specialist; Linda K. Gardner, Vice President Regulatory Affairs; David Bartlett, Director Federal Advocacy; Jeff Lanning, Director Federal External Affairs; Gary Kepley, Director Regulatory Systems; Kent W. Dickerson, Director Cost Support; and Brian Staihr, Regulatory Economist.

In Embarq's correspondence of August 3, 2007 and August 7, 2007 Embarq sought access to confidential versions of documents previously filed or that may be filed in the future in the above-referenced proceeding by Sprint Nextel (including documents filed by its predecessors, Sprint Corporation and Nextel Communications, Inc.) and T-Mobile.

At this time, Embarq is seeking confidential versions of documents previously filed or that may be filed in the future in the above-referenced proceeding by AT&T; Covad Communications, NuVox Communications, XO Communications; Ad Hoc; ATX Communications, Bridgecom International, Broadview Networks, et al.; Time Warner Telecom and Verizon (including documents filed by their predecessors).

¹ *Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*, Order, 20 FCC Rcd 10160, at Appendix A (June 8, 2005) (DA 05-1635) ("Protective Order")

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As stated in the attached certificate of service, copies of this letter and the signed Acknowledgements of Confidentiality have been served on counsel for each party by overnight mail. In accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and the Commission's rules, this letter is being provided to you for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig T. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Craig T. Smith
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Attachments

cc: Attached Service List

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Craig T. Smith, do hereby certify that on this 9th day of August, 2007, I caused true and correct copies of the foregoing letter and attached Acknowledgements of Confidentiality to be served by overnight mail, unless otherwise indicated, to the following:

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